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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU PRESENCE AT POLISH PARTY CONGRESS?

1. IN VIEW OF PRESUMED ATTENDANCE BY BREZHNEV AND OTHER WARSAW PACT LEADERS AT POLISH PARTY CONGRESS DECEMBER 8, QUESTION OF WHETHER CEAUSESCU WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE BECOMES RELEVANT AT TIME WHEN ROMANIAN INDIVIDUALITY SEEMS PARTICULARLY ASSERTIVE IN INTER-CP RELATIONS.

2. PRECEDENT AND RECIPROCITY WOULD INCLINE US TO SAY HE WON'T. THE RCP SENT RCP SECRETARY ILIE VERDET TO BOTH YUGOSLAV AND HUNGARIAN CONGRESSES, AND POLISH DELEGATE TO ROMANIAN CONGRESS IN NOVEMBER 1974 WAS ONLY JAN SZYDLAK. GIEREK VISIT TO ROMANIA, OFT DISCUSSED IN PAST FEW YEARS, HAS NEVER MATERIALIZED. AND CEAUSESCU, WHO HAS TRIED TO AVOID INSTITUTIONALIZING TOO FREQUENT EE SUMMIT GATHERINGS, PRESUMABLY WOULD SEE LITTLE POINT IN ANOTHER ONE WHEN CEMA-PPC MEETING IS IN WIND.

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3. AS OF NOVEMBER 25, POLISH DCM AND POLITICAL OFFICER CLAIMED
RCP (IMPLYING CEAUSESCU)
HAS BEEN INVITED BUT THAT NO SPECIFIC REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED.
THEY REASON THAT UNLESS SOME IMPELLING URGENCY FOR TOP-LEVEL
CONSULTATION WERE TO ARISE OR ROMANIANS WERE ABLE TO OBTAIN
FIRM COMMITMENT FOR GIEREK VISIT TO BUCHAREST WITHIN REASONABLY
NEAR FUTURE, CEAUSESCU WILL PASS UP WARSAW AND SEND SOMEONE ELSE.
BUT NO SOURCE WAS WILLING TO
EXCLUDE ENTIRELY, AT THIS STAGE, CEAUSESCU'S ATTENDANCE, AND
IN FACT SOVIET AMBASSADOR (IN BLUSTERY EPISODE WITH CHARGE)
EMPHATICALLY CLAIMED CEAUSESCU WOULD, IN THE END, ATTEND.
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